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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-identified matter are the following documents:

- 1. Transmittal Letter; and
- 2. Response and Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111.

If an Extension of Time under 37 CFR §1.136 is required and has not been separately requested, please consider this Transmittal Letter as including a request for such Extension of Time and as a further authorization to charge any fee for such Extension of Time, as may be required by 37 CFR §1.17, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112. Also, please charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in connection with this matter to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

This is an amendment made responsive to the non-Final Office Action having a mailing date of February14, 2007. The three month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire May 14, 2007, making this a response to the Office Action. If this response is not deemed to have been timely filed, please consider this Response as including a request for such Extension of Time under 37 CFR §1.136, and as a further authorization to charge any fee for such Extension of Time, as may be required by 37 CFR §1.17, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112. Also, please charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in connection with this matter to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejection and allow all claims pending in this application.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 41 of this paper.